

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY

Regular Session Minutes

**Wed. September 22, 2010
DHMH
4201 Patterson Avenue #110
9:30 a.m.**

The Regular Session meeting of the Board of Examiners in Optometry was held on Wednesday, July 28, 2010 in room #110 DHMH Metro Executive Building, 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. Board members present were, Thomas Azman, O.D., Jo Anne Brilliant, O.D., Stephen Kwan, O.D., Phyllis M. Strickland, O.D., Kisha Fields Matthews, and Frederick J. Walsh, Ph.D., Also present were Patricia G. Bennett, Board Administrator, Kecia Dunham, Licensing Coordinator. Grant Gerber served as Board Counsel because Delia Turano Schadt was unable to attend.

A. Opening of Meeting

Dr. Azman called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

B. Minutes

The regular session minutes of May 26, 2010 were reviewed. Dr. Brilliant moved and Dr. Strickland seconded to accept the minutes as written. The Board's vote was unanimous.

C. Committee Reports

1. Continuing Education- Dr. Brilliant

Dr. Brilliant stated that there was no report.

2, Credentialing – Dr. Kwan

Dr. Kwan stated that there was no report

3. QEI – Dr. Brilliant

Dr. Brilliant reported that the QEI Committee is working on a new CE Project for dissemination late this year for credit toward the 2011 renewal.

4. Rehabilitation – Dr. Azman

Dr. Azman stated that there was no report.

5. Budget – Dr. Strickland

Dr. Strickland reported that as of July 2, 2010, the Board's Special Fund balance for FY 2010 was \$322,234.15. Dr. Strickland also reported that the Year to Date Board Expenditure is \$242,462.95 and the Board's available budget balance is \$28,563.05.

6. ARBO – Dr. Strickland

Dr. Strickland stated that there was no report.

7. Legislation – Pat Bennett

Ms. Bennett stated that there was no report.

D. Old Business

1. Regulations

Ms. Bennett reported that Boards and The Commission has a new Regulations and Legislation Specialist, Kristen Neville who replaced Robin Bailey. Kristen's official start date was June 30, 2010 Ms. Neville may be able to attend the Board's next meeting.

2. Legislation

HB 114 – Health Occupations Boards – Revisions

It was reported that the Attorney General's Office is drafting Aggravating and Mitigating Factors in Sanctioning Guidelines. Ms. Bennett stated that the Board has a committee that will begin to work on the development of sanctioning guidelines following the September meeting. As reference, the committee will review the Virginia Optometry Board's Sanctioning Guidelines. Grant Gerber

indicated that the state of Washington has some guidelines as well. He will send them to Ms. Bennett for the committee's use. The Board had decided that it would continue to use the liaison system for disciplinary cases in lieu of a committee as recommended in the law.

4. Scope of Practice inquiry

Dr. Brilliant indicated that Howard Levin, O.D., Block Vision, is familiar with Kaiser Permanente and that he could possibly explain the process and rationale regarding the request from Jamie Greene, MSN, RN, to have optometrists pend orders for preventive care in patient electronic records. Dr. Brilliant will contact Dr. Levin.

E. Administrator's Report

Ms. Bennett stated that there was nothing to report.

F. New Business

1. Licenses Issued 5/26/10-7/21/10

Ms. Bennett reported that 23 licenses were issued from May 26, 2010 to date. A motion was made by Dr. Strickland and seconded by Kisha Fields Matthews to approve the licenses issued. The Board's vote was unanimous.

2. Patient/Consumer Bill of Rights

Dr. Walsh will research and gather information on Patient Bill of Rights for review by Board members at the next meeting. If adopted, the information will be posted on the Board's website and included in the Board's annual newsletter.

The Regular Session of the Board meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kisha Fields Matthews
Board Secretary